

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 13-17, 35, 37-39, 42-45, 48, 49, and 52 remain in the application with claims 1, 10, 13, 14, 15, 35, 38, and 45 having been amended hereby and claims 8, 12, 16, 18, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30-33, 36, 41, 47, 53, 56, 57, 58, 60, and 61, having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, and 9 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to reposition the phrase modifying the plurality of copyright control information areas.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now properly set forth to match the description of the specification.

The cancellation of claim 8 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The cancellation of claim 22 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 102(e).

The cancellation of claims 23, 25, 27, 28, 30-32, 53, 56-58, 60, and 61 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 102(e).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the

rejection of claim 35 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Tosaki et al.

In paragraph 19 of the instant Official Action, claim 36 is indicated as being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 35 has been amended hereby to include 36 in its entirety, and claim 36 has been canceled.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 35 is patentably distinct.

The cancellation of claims 18 and 33 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 103.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 10, 12-15, 17, 37-39, 42-45, and 48 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Tosaki et al. in view of Matsumoto.

In paragraph 19 of the instant Official Action, claims 16, 36, 41, and 47 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 10 has been amended hereby to include all of the limitations of claims 12 and 16. Claims 12 and 16 have been

canceled.

Claim 37 has been amended hereby to include the allowable subject matter of claim 36, and claim 36 has been canceled.

Claim 38 has been amended hereby to include all of the limitations of claim 41, and claim 41 has been canceled.

Claim 45 has been amended hereby to include all of the limitations of claim 47, and claim 47 has been canceled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the amended claims 10, 13-15, 17, 37-39, 42-45, and 48 are patentably distinct over the cited references.

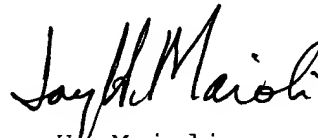
Notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 49 and 52.

Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby to include allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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